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Lt. General Walter B. Smith  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

*My dear Bidell*

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The enclosed is self explanatory. However, it was a direct note by Donovan, who attached some value to it. My own impression is that this [redacted] is self-important and operates in an air of fictitious secrecy. He could have told us everything he knew on his way through Japan.

Anyhow, I am supposed to look him up. I have a notion however, that if he has anything, I should throw it your way. I understand you have a mild interest in China?

I suggest therefore that I would consider it a favor if your organization were to take over. This is the pitch.

- 1) Leave Tokyo via SS "Breckenridge" May 22d at 1500.
- 2) I selected a transport to recover a bit and do some reading preparatory to the Congressional wrangle.
- 3) Al Wedemeyer asked me to stop over with him.
- 4) Letterman General for routine check-up prior to retirement, or words to that effect.
- 5) Duration probably five days or less. I shall visit some friends in Sta Barbara.
- 6) Depart by air or train on or about June 15th.
- 7) To 46 Durham Road, Bronxville, New York with relatives.
- 8) This will be my firm address and base of operations.
- 9) Confer with General MacArthur and Republicans.
- 10) Leisurely contact with Counsels of Committee. Questionnaires, etc.
- 11) I have a message from Vaughan via Tom Reed to "see him earliest".

Reading between the lines, I will state to you secretly that I believe that I can handle the Committees along the lines of international Communism, the IIIrd Comintern and its Chinese ramifications, the American links (Browder and Dennis etc) i.e. on a plane that both Republicans and Democrats can pleasantly join? On the Korean issue, I have prepared a study "Aid and Comfort to the Enemy", attacking the sloppy reporting of the Press (some of the Press, I don't want all of them on my neck); this is an interesting thesis: the bastards have been dishing it out for so long, it will amuse me to see if they can take it; I am completely documented; this is my racket.

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It is more than possible that both Truman and MacArthur have an out and a basis for rapprochement, since my thesis suggests that the gloom and disaster school of journalism in November, is probably responsible for uneasiness between Tokyo and Washington; at any rate, it could be played that way.

While I stand squarely with MacArthur, I always had a liking for Truman for one important reason: he refused further Yalta and Potsdam; he refused to meet the Kremlin unless in Washington. That has made a profound impression on me. Enough with these Canossa's for the Red Pope. This stand was admirable and one can forgive this man much for this.

In the meantime, I am in a nervous slump. Perhaps, it was just as well to taper off now. I have aged in the last two years.

With kind personal regards,

Faternally,



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Major General, G.S.C.  
Ass't Chief of Staff, G-2

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As stated above.

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
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FROM: THE DIRECTOR

DATE

JUN 12 1951

TO: Mr. Jackson  
Mr. McConnel  
Mr. Dulles  
Mr. Kirkpatrick

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Secretary

FOR: Action  
Information  
Draft reply for my signature  
Direct reply  
Recommendation  
See me

Remarks:

*The letter attached  
to Willoughby  
is one I overlooked.  
It may be that  
we are interested*